

UMSL RETIREES ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting and Luncheon Minutes
June 7, 2016

President Sandy MacLean opened the meeting. The minutes of the December 8, 2015 Holiday Luncheon and Business meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Steven Spaner

Membership dues were to be paid on June 1. Currently 165 retirees have paid their dues and 135 retirees' dues are in arrears. The holiday lunch and entertainment cost \$2077.31. The balance as of today is \$6011.01. The report was approved.

Proposed Amendment to the UMSL RA Constitution – Steven Spaner

The proposed amendment adds clarification to the position of ex-officio board members. The revision is in bold:

Article VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors consists of the officers of the Association, the immediate past president of the Association and six additional regular members of the Association elected by the regular members in attendance at the annual spring meeting. Each director shall serve a two-year term. Terms should be staggered so that three directors are elected each year. Each board member may be reelected at the pleasure of the membership. **Ex-officio non-voting members may be added to the Board with a 2/3rds majority consent of the Board. Such ex-officio members will be chosen in order to assist the Board of Directors in carrying out its duties and responsibilities.**

The change was approved.

Update from Chancellor George

Provost Cope will leave the University at the end of the month after 12 years of service. Chris Spilling will be in the interim provost and Wes Harris will be the interim Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate School.

Our campus was charged with coming up with \$15.5 million in a budget realignment due in part to our 4% enrollment drop. We receive \$160 million from the State and funds from student tuition. Although summer enrollment is up, we are preparing for a drop in enrollment in the fall semester. Some of the realignments came from 85 positions being eliminated and faculty/staff retirements. Our top budget priority remains academics. We've raised \$28 million in fundraising. This year our expenditures will match our income. Richard Baniak is the new CFO.

The campus continues to receive high rankings. The magazine *Insights into Diversity* gave the UMSL campus their highest award three years in a row. Area industries have given \$4 million in scholarships after the Ferguson event.

Retiree Medical Insurance Update – Joe Martinich

The committee is looking at changes in retiree health insurance programs. As of January 1, 2017 the University will no longer self-insure post-65 aged retirees. However, the committee is currently looking at proposals from private insurance companies. These will be reviewed, a company will be selected and

given to the Board of Curators at their July meeting. The intent is to save money and to provide better coverage than Medicare Advantage. Retirees who are pre-65 will still be covered by the university's self-insurance program.

Current Board Members and 2016-17 Elections

Sandy MacLean acknowledged the service of the outgoing members. David Garin was given the 2016 UMSL Retirees Association President's award for outstanding service.

The Nominating Committee submitted the slate of candidates for 2016-2017:

President-elect: Chuck Korr (1 year; president 1 year; past-president 1 year)

Treasurer: Steven Spaner (1 year)

Secretary: Mary Ellen Heckel (1 year)

Regular Board members (2 years): Wendell Smith, Hal Harris. An open slot on the Board was decided at the meeting. Zuleyma Tang-Martinez was nominated and agreed to serve for the two-year term. Lol Barton will serve as President (1 year).

Dr. Barton asked that members think about serving on one of three committees: Planning and Events; Communication; and Membership..

Sandy MacLean ended the meeting by thanking Chancellor George for the luncheon and Cindy Vantine for her continued service to the association. The group was then invited to take a tour of the new science complex.